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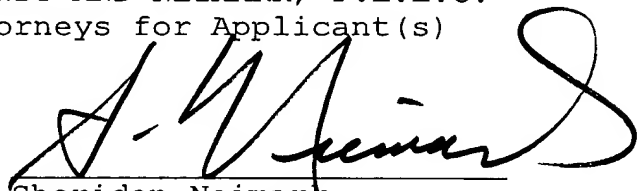
The above claim amendments are made primarily to eliminate improper multi-dependencies consistent with 37 CFR 1.75(c) in order to ensure examination of all the claims. In addition, some amendments are made to improve the claim form consistent with U.S. practice. The amendments are not "narrowing" amendments. The scope of the claims has not been changed; no limitations have been added and none are intended.

Applicant respectfully awaits the results of a first examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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"Version with Markings to Show Changes Made"

1. (Amended) A carrying device for ~~a number of~~ flat, box-shaped items, ~~such as cassettes, titles or covers,~~ and in particular compact discs in covers, with the largest faces of these items arranged in vertical planes, which carrying device has a front for receiving the items, and a back, and comprises an upper retaining means elongate in the crosswise direction and a lower carrying means elongate in the crosswise direction, placed under the retaining means and extending in parallel and rigidly connected herewith, characterized in:

~~that the~~said carrying means ~~is being~~ provided with a relatively smooth and plane, essentially horizontal, upper supporting face and ~~with a stop for the items, which stop is adjacent to and placed behind the supporting face and elongate in the crosswise direction; and~~ said

~~that the~~ retaining means having on its underside has a rubber-elastic portion and a stop for the items, placed behind this portion and elongate in the crosswise direction.

2. (Amended) A carrying device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the width of the carrying means ~~out as~~ from the front of the carrying device, counting from the stop of the carrying means, is smaller less than 20

mm, preferably ~~5-15 mm~~ and particularly preferred about 10 mm measured from the stop of the carrying means.

3. (Amended) A carrying device according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that wherein the width of the retaining means ~~out as~~ from the front of the carrying device, ~~from the stop of the carrying means to the rubber elastic~~ portion, is smaller less than 15 mm, preferably smaller than 10 mm and particularly preferred about 5 mm measured from the stop of the carrying means to the rubber-elastic portion.

4. (Amended) A carrying device according to ~~any of the preceding claims,~~ characterized in that claim 1, wherein the rubber-elastic portion of the retaining means comprises an edge facing the items.

5. (Amended) A carrying device according to ~~any of the preceding claims 1-3,~~ characterized in that claim 1, wherein the rubber-elastic portion of the retaining means comprises a lip facing the items.

6. (Amended) A carrying device according to claim 5, characterized in that wherein the lip points in a direction toward the stop of the retaining means.

7. (Amended) A carrying device according to ~~any of the preceding claims,~~ characterized in claim 1 and comprising a shelf arranged below on the front of the device.

8. (Amended) A carrying device according to claim 7, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein said shelf has steps extending in the crosswise direction.

9. (Amended) A carrying device according to claim 8, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the steps are saw-tooth shaped with a low, steep or essentially vertical edge facing the stop of the carrying means.

10. (Amended) A carrying device according to ~~any of the preceding claims 7-9,~~ characterized in that to claim 7, wherein the supporting face is above the shelf.

11. (Amended) A carrying device according to claim 10, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said shelf has saw-tooth shaped steps, the peaks of the serration thereof are being situated in a horizontal plane which is 0.2-1 mm, preferably about 0.5 mm ~~under~~ below the plane of the supporting face.

12. (Amended) A carrying device according to ~~any of the preceding claims,~~ characterized in that claim 1, wherein the retaining means and carrying means are connected by an

essentially vertical wall which preferably constitutes the two stops.

13. (Amended) A carrying device according to ~~any of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~claim 1, wherein the retaining means and/or carrying means on their fronts have holders ~~such as open channels to hold signs, labels or the like.~~

14. (Amended) A carrying device according to ~~any of the preceding claims, characterized in~~claim 1 and comprising suspension means for suspension of the device by a wall ~~or the like.~~

15. (Amended) A carrying device according to claim 14, ~~characterized in~~and being provided below on the back with supporting means for support against a wall on which the carrying device is suspended.

16. (Amended) A carrying device according to claim 15, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the supporting means are lengthwise adjustable.

17. (Amended) A carrying device according to claim 16, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the supporting means are constituted by pieces of an extruded rubber blank which ~~is in~~ the crosswise direction is provided with longitudinal

weakenings to permit a shortening of said rubber blank, if desired.

18. (Amended) A carrying device according to any ~~of the preceding claims, characterized by~~ claim 1 and comprising legs or feet for resting on an essentially horizontal support face ~~such as a table top~~.

19. (Amended) A carrying device according to any ~~of the preceding claims 14-18, characterized by~~ claim 14 and further comprising catching means for carrying a below arranged carrying device of the same kind, ~~preferably by~~ ~~cooperation with its suspension means~~.

20. (Amended) A carrying device according to claim 19, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein said catching means and suspension means on two interconnected carrying devices are ~~meant for being~~ adapted to be locked together, ~~preferably in that a stiff wire is inserted in a channel constituted by recesses in both the catching means and the suspension means~~.

21. (Amended) A carrying device according to any ~~of the preceding claims, characterized in that the~~ claim 1, wherein said carrying device is of a form being elongate in the crosswire direction and having an essentially constant cross section.

22. (Amended) A carrying device according to claim 21, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the supporting structure of ~~the said~~ carrying device is constituted ~~by~~ of an extruded, elongate metal blank.